

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, February 4, 2009**  
**GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

President Levine called to order the Regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:04:21 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Steve Schwartz, Meredith Carter, Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor Dawn Coverdale.

Mr. Matt Kinney and Mr. Andrew Rohrer, Boy Scouts led the pledge of allegiance after a moment of silence.

7:04:53 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve minutes of January 7, 2009 as amended. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None 7:06:12

**COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT** 7:06:16

President: Councilor Levine

- Presented entire council with Conflict of Interest forms to be filled out and returned to the county auditor
- Commended the Highway Department on the job done on snow removal
- AIC Legislative Days are February 24 and 25
- Joint Chamber Legislative Breakfast is February 9, 2009, 7:30 a.m. at Oak Hill Mansion
- Behavior Corporation is moving forward on merging with Madison County
- Streaming video on Legislative Committee Sessions is up and running

Vice President: Councilor Carter

- Attended a meeting on public records and open meetings

Highway: Councilor McKinney

- Reported that Committee met February 4, 2009

Finance: Councilor Beaver

- Committee met with DLGF on January 27, 2009, to discuss the DLGF adjusting Hamilton County's max levies due to unintended consequences of Welfare issues

Personnel: Councilor Levine

- Personnel Poll regarding Commissioners Department Heads being appointed positions allowing them to hire and fire at will. Job descriptions have been amended to state that these employees are appointed. Councilor McKinney would like to see the entire Council involved on this issue, due to the time spent on the handbook.

**MISCELLANEOUS** 7:18:40

Councilor Belden:

- Attended a Juvenile Services Board meeting with Councilor Schwartz
- Solid Waste appointed Jeff Rushforth as Solid Waste Director, due to the resignation of Steve Wood, who accepted job as Hamilton County Building Superintendent

**UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS** 7:20:01

Hoosier Heritage Port Authority Appointment: Councilor Carter moved to untable the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority Appointment. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to appoint Jae Ebert to Hoosier Heritage Port Authority. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATE** 7:21:33 Fred Swift, Commissioner Administrative Assistant

- Commissioner Altman testified at Legislative Session and the Board of Commissioners did write our Legislators regarding government consolidation bill
- February 19, 2009, bids will be taken for the 37 Annex build out
- Veteran's Resolution will be heard and the Board of Commissioners have adopted this resolution at their last meeting

**NEW BUSINESS** 7:23:44

7:23:50 Lisa Wilken (Westfield), Indiana Director of Operation Firing For Effect, not-for-profit Veterans advocacy group who helps Veterans in need of services. The organization wants to see the VA budget moved from the discretionary funding to the mandatory funding. This would allow for the VA budget to be fully funded and funded on time each year. This move will also take the VA appropriation bill out of the hands of the politicians. Councilor Belden moved to adopt this resolution of support. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:32:30 Councilor Belden moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:32:50 Councilor McKinney moved to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for Indianapolis related to 96<sup>th</sup> Street between Sycamore Road and Towne Road. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7:34:00 Councilor McKinney moved to approve Supplemental Agreement for Indianapolis related to 96<sup>th</sup> Street between Mollenkopf Road and Fall Creek Road. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7:38:20 Councilor Levine asked Highway Director Brad Davis if a county wide meeting had been set to discuss all Hamilton County units of government thoroughfare plans. Mr. Davis said that this had not been done and did not see any merit in such a meeting.

7:39:52 Councilor McKinney moved to approve Resolution 02-04-09-1 "A Resolution Of The Hamilton County Council Authorizing Surrender Of The Congressional Township School Fund To The Treasurer Of State." Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:42:13 Councilor McKinney moved to approve Resolution 02-04-09-2 "A Resolution Concerning The Purchase of Real Estate For The Olio Road Bridge over I-69 Project." Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:44:11 Councilor McKinney moved to approve County Assessor 144 amendments: 1046 Staff Field Appraiser: Johnson to \$36,503; 1048 Staff Field Appraiser: Rayner to \$44,520; Abolish 1300 Part Time Real Property Appraisal Mgr 27.1867 per hour. Councilor Beavaer seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:44:33 Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General ISSD transfer of \$11,000 from 020.000.1017 GIS Specialist to 020.000.1300 Part Time. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:44:49 Councilor Belden moved to approve Reassessment 144 amendments: 1005 Data Entry Operator: Ford to \$28,516; Abolish 1300 Part Time Field Appraisal \$17.4472 per hour. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:45:06 Councilor Belden moved to approve Highway COIT transfer of \$467,585 from 283.000.000.3840 Bond Payment to 283.000.000.4955 96<sup>th</sup> Street R/W Mollenkopf/Fall Creek; transfer of \$135,000 from 283.000.000.3840 Bond Payment to 283.000.000.4951 104<sup>th</sup>/Olio Road Intersection. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS: 7:46:38**

#### **SHERIFF COMMENTS 7:46:39**

None

#### **COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS 7:46:48**

None

#### **AUDITOR'S COMMENTS 7:46:51**

None

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS 7:46:51**

Councilor Beaver met with Auditor Coverdale regarding Rainy Day Fund. After researching cash available there is roughly \$400,000.

Councilor Beaver has done a walk through of the Community Corrections Building with Director Ralph Watson.

7:52:33 Councilor Belden moved to adjourn meeting. Councilor Levine seconded motion.  
Motion carried 7-0.

**Those present:**

Fred Swift, Commissioner Adm. Asst.  
Matt Kinney, Boy Scout  
Paul Rohrer, Boy Scout Leader  
Cassandra Weaver, Student  
Nicole Binger, Student  
BJ Casali, ISSD

Lisa Wilken, Veteran Health Care  
Andrew Rohrer, Boy Scout  
Art Levine, Fishers Town Council  
Ashley, Baker, Student  
Evan Baumgartoner, Student  
Jeanette Kassabaum, Council Attorney

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President

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Auditor